

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - JUNE 8, 2004

Present: Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon Robert Kirschbaum, Michelle McCook, Ana Zimmerman,
Estomene Dorcely
Absent: Anne Cates

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vernell Everett. Representatives from several Miami-Dade County departments were in attendance to make presentations of their services provided. In order to keep the meeting on schedule, questions from the audience were written and addressed at the end of each presentation.

Newly appointed board member Estomene Dorcely was presented. Ms. Dorcely was appointed by Commissioner Rolle's office. She is the 7th board member of the Biscayne Gardens MAC.

Motion to approve minutes by Roger Gordon, second by Ana Zimmerman.

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC. - Sylvia Mora Ona

The library system is funded by a special taxing district and is not part of the general UMSA fund. Serves the taxing districts of Opa Locka, Surfside, N. Miami, N. Miami Beach and Miami Shores. Residents of unincorporated Miami-Dade County may use libraries in North Miami and N. Miami Beach at no charge.

The new Golden Glades Branch Library, located at NE 166 St. between First and Second Avenues was approved. Construction will begin in November 2004. Residents may request name change for new library from their Commissioner. Biscayne Gardens must remain in the library tax district if it incorporates or is annexed.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – Cornelius Allen

The Department has 1000 employees. Collection and disposal account 85% of operation. Service include: code enforcement, Team Metro, illegal dumping, Hazardous waste collection, licensing for trash haulers, automated curbside garbage collection in parts of Biscayne Gardens and Goulds, bus stop trash collection. Operates the North and South Dade Landfills including Resources Recovery located in the City of Doral.

Annual fee \$399.00, per single family residence, included on the property tax bill. Service includes twice weekly curbside garbage collection, 1 yearly curbside bulky pickup (e.g. tree trimmings, furniture, etc.), and unlimited use of Trash and Recycling Centers for disposal of none kitchen waste, e.g. tree cutting, white goods.

If Biscayne Gardens incorporates, fees and services, with the exception of bus stop trash collection, will not change. Bus stop trash collection is a special pick-up service that is funded by the UMSA tax. Miami-Dade County offers right of refusal (Ordinance 96-30) for garbage collection. However, new cities must use Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department for garbage and trash disposal.

MIAMI-DADE BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Terry Smith

Fee generated budget of \$32 million with 347 employees. Primary functions include: enforcement of building code requirements, processing permit applications, review plans for compliance with appropriate building code. Issue permits for work performed in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and West Miami. Other municipalities have their own building departments.

Newly incorporated cities may choose to remain with Miami-Dade County Building Department, form their own building department, or hire consultants to handle building and permit issues. Consultants may be more cost effective.

Move to adjourn meeting by Roger Gordon, second by Vernell Everett. Next meeting July 22, 2004.